

## House Resolution No. 149

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are very proud of those Show-Me State students who have overcome economic or other adversities in the pursuit of their higher education through participation in the TRIO program established by the United States Congress in 1965; and

**Whereas**, Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, wholeheartedly supports affiliation with TRIO as a way to ensure that low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities are successful in their quest for a college education; and

**Whereas**, TRIO programs nationwide annually celebrate TRIO Day by honoring alumni from their respective programs through awards presented to those outstanding students who have excelled academically and have persevered despite personal or family adversity; and

**Whereas**, Joe Newell of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was born two months prematurely in 1977 and subsequently diagnosed with cerebral palsy early in life, a condition which necessitates his use of a hand walker; and

**Whereas**, attending elementary and secondary schools in the Zalma R-V District, Joe Newell then continued his education at Three Rivers Community College before completing a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 2001 from Southeast Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, with plans to obtain a job in agriculture, Joe Newell currently pursues his interest in baseball, hunting, restoring old trucks and John Deere tractors, and raising coonhounds which he has entered in competitions all the way up to the World Championships; and

**Whereas**, Joe Newell loves riding his four-wheeler, swimming during warm weather, and announcing for rodeos, including the Missouri High School Rodeo Association at the Sikeston Rodeo Arena:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diligent studies which have helped carry Joe Newell so far in his life as an exemplary TRIO program alumnus who is concretely transforming his educational dreams into reality; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Joe Newell, TRIO Day award winner.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mark L. Richardson  
District No. 154

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 149, adopted January 30, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

